

Dental Hygiene Program Most Frequently Asked Questions

How long does it take to complete the program?

- After program acceptance, it takes two full years, including a mandatory summer session between the first and second year.

Is the program offered in the evening and can I go part-time?

- The dental hygiene program is a full-time day program. Related core and support classes (non DHY classes) can be taken prior to program acceptance on a part-time basis. Some have evening offerings. Once you are accepted and begin the program the DHY courses are only offered on a full-time basis during the day.

I took a Chemistry class in high school. Do I still need to take the college General Chemistry (CHM110)?

- YES! CHM110 is a REQUIRED prerequisite course that you MUST complete PRIOR to beginning the first semester of Dental Hygiene technology courses in the Fall.

I have had Dental Assisting experience. Will I have to take all of the courses?

- If you completed a formal Dental Assisting program and have the appropriate courses on a transcript, it may be possible to obtain transfer credit for Dental Anatomy (DHY131) and Dental Materials and Specialties (DHY281). This will be evaluated on an individual basis depending upon the date of the course and the specific course content.
- If you do not have formal education in Dental Assisting, but have on-the-job experience, it may be possible for you to take a challenge exam for the above two courses.

I have been a Dental Assistant. Will it still take me two years to complete?

- Yes!

I have a Delaware Radiation Certificate. Do I still need to take the radiology course?

- YES! Having the DE Radiation Certification will NOT exempt you from taking the radiology course in the Dental Hygiene program.

I live in New Castle County but am close to Dover. Can I apply to the Terry/Owens extension location in Dover?

- No. The T/O extension location of the DTCC Dental Hygiene program is only open to residents of Kent or Sussex counties unless there are not enough qualified applicants from Kent or Sussex counties.